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IT Industry
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that in the next 24 months most of the 200 billion dollars worth contracts in the IT field is expected to be withdrawn and if so, the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the Government has examined the expected negative effects if these contracts are not retained by the Indian IT Industry and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is also analyzing the challenges due to Brexit, decrease in H1B Visa to the industry; and
(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) and (b): According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) there is no such information on contracts in the IT field which are expected to be withdrawn.

(c) and (d): According to NASSCOM, though various bills to effect changes in H-1B Visa policy have been introduced in the US Congress, no new Executive order relating to H-1B visa/ travel policy or wage increase has been released yet by the U.S. Government that may impact India. According to NASSCOM, USA and European countries account for about 90% out of the total Indian IT-ITES exports from the country. Government of India has undertaken a consultative approach with the industry associations including NASSCOM and industry members to discuss measures to improve the overall state of the IT industry and key challenges being faced. This inter-alia includes measures to streamline the tax regimes, removing red-tapism and improving the overall ease of doing business. Besides, efforts are also being made to diversify global markets which include markets like Africa, South America, Australia, Israel, China and Japan.

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